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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: BUILDING WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS CONFERENCE

This information bulletin announces the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, Workforce and Economic Development Program's 15th Annual "Building Workforce Partnerships" Conference to be held in San Jose, California, on May 9-11, 2007, at the San Jose Hilton.

Each year, the "Building Workforce Partnerships" Conference brings together a diverse group of people who care about good jobs, a strong California economy and ensuring economic opportunity for workers. "Building Workforce Partnerships" is ultimately about partnership – no one union, organization, or entity can alone address the challenges facing working families or the workforce needs of industries. The event provides a unique forum for union leaders, labor program operators, academics, local and State Workforce Investment Board members and staff, community based organizations, Rapid Response teams, and High-Road employers to network, learn from each other and share successful models and practices. The content challenges participants to rethink the roles of community organizations, government, labor and the private sector in leveraging workforce and economic development to strengthen key industries, save good jobs and build communities.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Road to Good Jobs." The focus is exploring the intersection of training and education with high wage jobs – or "*good jobs*." The three workshop tracks are: 1) **Building High Road Training Partnerships**; 2) **Layoff Aversion/Rapid Response**; and 3) **Roads to Good Jobs** which explores strategies, both policy and practice, to increase the supply of jobs with good wages, benefits, and career prospects.

To register for Building Workforce Partnerships or for additional conference information, go to: www.wed-works.org. Conference and hotel space is limited, so please register soon. Hotel rooms must be secured before April 7, 2007.

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